

DX LISTENING DIGEST 0-119, October 6, 2000  
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THIS WEEK ON WORLD OF RADIO 1053: See topic summary at  
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THIS MONTH ON CONTINENT OF MEDIA 00-08: See topic summary at  
<http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/com0008.html> | This edition has started airing Oct 6 on RFPI

\*\* AUSTRIA [non]. ORF appears to have cut back SW broadcasts already: checking 17865 relay via Canada, Oct 5 at 1500, only a very weak signal was there, not identifiable, perhaps due to magstorm which started six hours earlier; Oct 6 reception was fine, but the entire hour was in German, including Intermedia at 1530, not English and Spanish as scheduled. Both Sackville and Vienna are prone to feed mixups, but RAI may have already reduced or cancelled English and Spanish as rumored from B-00. ORF not audible on 6015 Oct 5 around 0530 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* AUSTRIA [non]. CANADA 6015 Austria relay - I'm not hearing EE at all during the 05-07 block listed on the RCI relay sked. 0547 in GG?, 0640 in FF 9/27. Maybe dropped EE due to their announced cutbacks? (Larry Russell, MI, MARE via DXLD)

\*\* AUSTRIA [non]. Hi Glenn! I just talked to G  rald Th  oret. Both the 1500-1600 UTC and 0500-0700 UTC R. Austria Int'l blocs are still on the air at this point. (I guess you just had some poor propagation when you checked them.) However, for the B-00 period, from 29 October, there will only be one hour of Austria via Sackville. That will be at 1600-1700 UTC on 17865. The evening bloc will be dropped at that point. G  rald says that it may not affect RCI's use of Moosbrunn at the outset, though we'll have to pay for the time that we use over the amount of time exchanged. I know that Austria was on in English last night, since I heard the last few minutes of the programme on CBC Overnight early this morning. (It's on at about 4:30 AM.) 73- (Bill Westenhaver, RCI, Oct 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* AUSTRIA. Hello from Salzburg, Due to the current occasion, the editorial office of the German language media and DX broadcast "Intermedia" of ROI /Radio Austria International <http://roi.orf.at> is

conducting a survey concerning the continuation of this media program. This is an appeal to all German speaking listeners and friends to participate. A simple web form sheet with three possible selections for the survey is provided by the ADDX, Germany's biggest DX-Club. You can reach this site under <http://www.addx.de/roi.htm> I would appreciate it very much if a lot of German speaking DX-friends would participate - it only takes a few seconds to do! 73 (Christoph Ratzner Information on German spoken A-DX Mailing List from Austria read under <http://www.ratzner.at> Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

**\*\* CANADA.** CBC TELEVISION previews for Friday October 6:

WAYNE & SHUSTER, THE FIRST 100 YEARS: Get set for a night of great comedy tonight on CBC Television, starting with Wayne and Shuster: the First Hundred Years. Host Frank Shuster reminisces about the remarkable career he and partner Johnny Wayne enjoyed on radio and television. The show includes some of their classic sketches: "Julius Caesar," "Economy Flight," "Shakespearean Baseball," and more. That's Wayne and Shuster: the First Hundred Years, tonight at 7 p.m. on CBC Television.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FARCE: The Games are Over - Let the Farce Begin! The Royal Canadian Air Farce returns for a new season with a one-hour special tonight. Ontario drinking water, national gas prices, the Alliance leadership, media takeovers, pie in P.E.I., Survivor on television: all summer long, the targets just kept on coming. Check it out tonight: The Games are Over - Let the Farce Begin, at 8 p.m. on CBC Television. (CBC Hotsheet via gh, DXLD)

**\*\* CHINA.** PWBR 2000 claims two Beijing frequencies on 60 meters are for the winter season, and is noncommittal about whether these or alternates on 49m are in use ñ but during the magstorm with K index 6 Oct 5 around 1230 I was getting good reception on 5030 with lively banter between announcers in Guo-y., listed as CPBS-1 100 kW, alt to 6195; not parallel and weaker, but one of few other signals on band was 4850, listed as CPBS-2 50 kW, alt to 6040 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**\*\* CHINA [non].** Ref. the debate in DXLD 0-117 about the definition of clandestine radio:

I've always found this a rather odd debate, and sometimes an irritating one as well. Checking a dictionary is all that's needed to see that "clandestine" is not a synonym for "political", "subversive", "insurgent" or "opposition". It means hidden or secret. It is perfectly reasonable to describe the Falun Gong radio as clandestine as it chooses not to disclose details of its operations. Similarly, the stations that we know hire time from DTK or a site in

the former Soviet Union can also be described as "clandestine" as they generally don't publicize their transmission arrangements or other details such as their studio location or the identity of their financial backers.

On the other hand, it seems odd that to me that ClandestineRadio.com describes RFE/RL as clandestine. What's secret about it?

For what it's worth, BBCM defines clandestine sources as "those which do not specify their location, which specify an imprecise location (e.g. 'liberated territory') or which falsely claim to emanate from a particular location". (Chris Greenway, UK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CROATIA. A-00 Zagreb Deanovec Croatia freqs:

6165 0400-2100 18,27-29,37 DEA 100 0 0 931 2603-2910 CROATIAN  
7185 0800-1500 18,27-29,37 DEA 100 0 0 926 2603-2910 CROATIAN  
7365 0400-1730 18,27-29,37 DEA 100 0 0 926 2603-2910 CROATIAN  
9830 0400-1730 18,27-29,37 DEA 100 0 0 931 2603-2910 CROATIAN  
13830 0400-2100 18,27-29,37 DEA 10 305 0 26 2603-2910 CROATIAN  
(BC-DX via DXLD) This differs from the previous sked we had (gh)

\*\* ETHIOPIA [non]. Voice of Ethiopian Salvation Revealed

By Nick Grace C., CRW Washington Bureau September 30th, 2000 Martin Schoech, CRW European Bureau

The station being reported as "Voice of Ethiopian Salvation" has been confirmed by CRW to actually be Voice of Ethiopian Medhin.

Produced by overseas members of the Ethiopian Medhin Democratic Party (EMDP) based in the United States, programs are aired over DTK Juelich, a commercial short wave broadcast facility in Germany that offers air-for-hire arrangements. EMDP considers itself a broad-based coalition of Ethiopians to democratize the country. Programs, according to a recent press release, advertise the new program "as a medium of free and uninhibited expression of ideas among all Ethiopians."

EMDP is a questionable "political party" whose strength appears to be on paper alone. The group produces a monthly magazine, called "Medhin" as well as a website at <http://www.medhin.org>. Now they have a radio program.

Ethiopia is the recipient of a handful of "white" clandestine radio programs broadcast over DTK Juelich, including Rainbow Radio, Radio Xoriyo, Voice of the Democratic Path to Ethiopian Unity, and Voice of Oromo Liberation. With the exception of Voice of Oromo Liberation, which originally broadcast from Sudan between 1988 and 1992, none of

the programs aired over DTK J,lich appear to be broadcast by groups with international sponsorship. EMDP can be reached at:

P.O. Box 13875, Silver Spring, MD 20911-3865, USA and/or  
Medhin Dimts, Postfach 111423, 60049 Frankfurt/Main, Germany  
(Clandestine Radio Watch Sept 30 via DXLD)

\*\* FINLAND. Next monthly Scandinavian Weekend Radio lowpower SW transmission is imminent, for 24 hours starting UT Fri Oct 6 at 2100 on 11690, then alternating with 11720. Details at:  
<http://www.swradio.net/eng/index.htm>  
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* GERMANY. Subject: J,lich to test on 11 metres. The Deutsche Telekom shortwave station at J,lich announces the following internal test transmissions for fieldstrength measurements to take place on Oct 18 (no idea if they will contain music, just a test tone or whatever), which includes also an 11 metre test. The fourth column of the table names the antenna; all involved aerials are HR 4/4 designs with a gain of 19...21 dB.

PAZ (UTC) PEZ (UTC) Frequenz (kHz) ANT Azimuth Zielgebiet Ciraf  
Zone(n) Tag \*1.)  
07.30 08.29 7.135 105 115 EU 28 18.10.2000  
08.30 09.29 5.985 105 115 EU 28 18.10.2000  
09.30 10.29 9.535 105 115 EU 28 18.10.2000  
10.30 11.29 11.970 105 115 EU, ME 28, 39 18.10.2000  
11.30 12.29 13.810 103 115 EU, ME 28, 39 18.10.2000  
12.30 13.25 15.715 103 115 EU, ME 28, 39 18.10.2000  
13.30 14.29 17.590 103 115 EU, ME 28, 39 18.10.2000  
14.30 15.29 21.550 101 115 F EU, ME 28, 39 18.10.2000  
15.30 16.29 25.740 106 115 EU, ME 28, 39 18.10.2000 \*\*\*\*\*  
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ICELAND. Since 1 Oct, the nx bcs of the Icelandic State Broadcasting Corporation (Ríkisutvarpid Reykjavik) via the Icelandic Coast Radio Station (Reykjavik-Radio/TFA) are aired on the following new freqs:  
EUR 1215-1300 13865. 1755-1830 11402.  
USA 1410-1440 13860. 1835-1905 13860. 2300-2330 11402.  
At the end of the bc on Sats and Suns there is a special summary of nx from the ending week (Reykjavik Radio via Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, Oct 1, BC-DX via DXLD)

\*\* INTERNATIONAL WATERS [and non].  
Hurricane Watch Net Reactivates for Hurricane Keith II

NEWINGTON, CT, Oct 5, 2000--Stand by for Hurricane Keith Part II! The

Hurricane Watch Net and W4EHW at the National Hurricane Centeró reactivated today for Hurricane Keith, which now is about 20 miles from landfall between La Pesca and Tampico, Mexico. The Hurricane Watch Net, on 14.325 MHz, gathers real-time weather information that is relayed via W4EHW to hurricane forecasters.

Downgraded to a tropical depression earlier this week, Keith is again a Category 1 hurricane with winds near 90 MPH. A hurricane warning is in effect along the Mexican Coast of the Gulf of Mexico. A tropical storm watch is in effect from Brownsville to Port Mansfield, Texas.

Hurricane Keith wreaked havoc on Belize earlier in the week. So far, 14 deaths have been attributed to Hurricane Keith. An unconfirmed report indicates that a US Amateur Radio operator sailing off Ambergris Cay died while attempting to help rescue people from another vessel. Reports indicate that many vessels in the cove were destroyed.

The Hurricane Watch Net first activated for Keith last Saturday and continued in operation until midday Tuesday. At the request of National Hurricane Center Director Max Mayfield the Net remained up longer than usual to help collect damage reports. Since the storm came ashore in Belize, weather forecasters and the news media have made extensive use of information provided by Amateur Radio operators.

"Ham radio reports indicate that more than 22 inches of rain has fallen to the west of Belize City since Saturday," the Weather Service indicated Tuesday. As the storm moved north into Mexico, possible storm surge flooding was forecast. Heavy rains caused heavy flooding in Belize, Nicaragua, Guatemala and the Yucatan Peninsula.

The Hurricane Watch Net has been a primary source of storm information in Mexico, where an AM broadcast station in the Yucatan Peninsula was airing information gathered via Net participant Fidelio, XE3AFC.

The Salvation Army's SATERN net continued to handle relief and health and welfare traffic on 14.265 MHz until Wednesday, but remained available if needed and will maintain a daily 1400 UTC schedule. SATERN and the Hurricane Watch Net cooperated in handling reports from the affected area.

Amateur Radio reports from Belize, the hardest hit area, indicate considerable property damage, with flooding, collapsed roofs, and downed utility lines. The Salvation Army was providing emergency relief in the form of clothing and shelter.

SATERN Director Pat McPherson, WW9E, said SATERN took more than 120 health-and-welfare messages and was still awaiting the outcome on a number of them.

SATERN continues handling health and welfare traffic via the Web. Information received was being automatically forwarded to a SATERN team headed by Quent Nelson, WA4BZY, in Georgia, for processing via the Internet and via HF Amateur Radio contact with the affected area. (ARRL October 5 via John Norfolk, DXLD)

\*\* IRELAND [non]. Re All-Ireland (Gaelic) Football Final on SW, RTE is now saying (Oct 04) via the webpage <http://www.rte.ie/sport/gaa/radiofinals.html> that "the same frequencies apply for the All-Ireland Football Final Replay on Saturday October 7th" (as applied in September). "The frequencies are as follows: [at 1500-]

North America 13720 kHz

Africa 17810 kHz

Australasia 15360 kHz

Central and South America 15240 kHz

South East Asia (subject to confirmation) 15270 kHz".

(Finbarr O'Driscoll.....Ireland, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ISRAËL. Reminder, Israel changes its clock as of 1:00 AM Israel Time, Friday, Oct 6, 2000 - therefore all Kol Israel broadcasts will be one hour later. The Winter [frequency] schedule doesn't change until Oct 29. I haven't received the 'graphical' version of the schedule yet. All I know is that there are a couple of typos in the previously posted schedule where a couple of the English broadcasts are shown as 1.5 and 2 hours! (Daniel Rosenzweig, Oct 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It also shows French back to half an hour at 2030-2100, instead of ten minutes of Spanish at 2050. Is this correct? (gh, DXLD)

\*\* M...XICO. Radio Educaci n OC will broadcast on Saturday Oct 14 at 0000 a special test program in German, target Germany, Austria and Switzerland, on 6185. The content of this special program will be news, cultural tips and Mexican music. Radio Educaci n OC needs reception reports and your comments. Please, contact Radio Educaci n OC: [yanimoran@hotmail.com](mailto:yanimoran@hotmail.com) [deyaniramora@yahoo.com](mailto:deyaniramora@yahoo.com) Thank you in advance for your cooperation! (Deyanira Mor n, Radio Educaci n, via Electronic DX Press via DXLD)

One comment I already have today is that 0000 UT is not the best time for reaching this part of Europe. Radio Educaci n always came in best here in Germany around 0600 UT or before. I currently do not know if the frequency is still clear at that time, however. But if they

really want to reach us, we may be should try to find the best possible time frame for it. Btw: some years back they already had a German program. After another reform it was gone. vy73 (Harald Kuhl, Oct 5, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

\*\* NETHERLANDS. FRS Holland October 29th broadcast. Hello FRS Friends, It's quite a while ago since you heard from us. It's time to inform you as a listener and FRS friend about a few subjects. The unexpected death of Joop ter Zee has affected FRS-Holland, no doubt about that! And still we cannot believe he isn't among us anymore.... We have received many condolences, some unexpected. And from some people we expected something, we didn't hear at all.... That's the way things go. Thanks to each and everyone who took the trouble to send a few nice words. We- Joop ter Zee's girlfriend Willy, his family and FRSH- have derived comfort in the idea so many persons showed their emotion. It was heartwarming.

This month, on Sunday October 29th, FRS-Holland will be putting out a very special broadcast to the memory of Joop ter Zee. At the same time we celebrate our 20th birthday, two decades of FRS-Holland on SW. Perhaps a bit of a strange combination but we feel we must do it in this way. The broadcast will be taking place between 08.00- 13.00 UTC/ 09.00- 14.00 CET (wintertime!) within the 48 mb.

We would like to invite all FRS-Holland friends to participate. If you have our FRS heart in the right place, you take part sending us your very personal contribution. Tape it (a 1 or 2 minute message will do!) or just put some words on a sheet of paper. The contents: just let us know what comes to your mind when thinking of Joop ter Zee and/or 20 Years of FRS-Holland on SW. Memories, thoughts, just express it in your very own unique way. What brought Joop ter Zee to FRSH, what meant FRS-Holland to you?? All contributions will be carefully handled and played (or read out) within the programming that day. Remember: your input is our output. Allowing us to prepare the broadcast without too much time pressure, we kindly ask to send your contribution before October 18th! Your participation will greatly add to an unforgettable transmission. Cassettes with recorded messages should be sent to: FRSH, P.O.Box 2727, 6049 BE Herten, the Netherlands. Alternatively (if you are not able to record something) send your written message via Email or snailmail.

Perhaps it costs you 30 minutes of spare time... We count on you!! Apart from your contributions, we play that day a lot of Joop ter Zee and FRS-Holland extracts from our archives, great music from the 1980-2000 FRS era, we have the FRS Goes DX show with the latest from the world of wireless and..... A very unique QSL-card is available for those sending in a correct reception report.

Any future Email should be sent to one of these addresses: new!!  
frsh@club.tip.nl or peter.verbruggen@tip.nl Soon our website will  
be moved to a new address: <http://frsh.club.tip.nl> The website is  
not operational yet but we hope this will happen very soon. Any hot  
news regarding the upcoming broadcast will be sent by Email or is to  
be read on our website, created by the late Joop ter Zee. Please no  
more Email to frsh@planet.nl

The latest edition of the FRS Newsletter is out now. It contains a  
"In Memory of Joop ter Zee", SW free radio news, Caroline news and  
News from around the world. If you aren't a subscriber and you are  
interested, just send DM 3.00 (cash or in stamps) / one English  
pound/ three Dutch guilders (cash or in stamps) / 2 IRC's to our  
Herten maildrop. An annual subscription only costs DM 10.00/ ten  
Dutch guilders/ four English pounds. Our latest and fully updated FRS  
Sales Production booklet contains no less than 28 pages with  
recordings from radio stations all over the world. The booklet  
contains 5 categories: Offshore- Landbased pirates on SW - Landbased  
pirate stations (rest) - Satellite radio - Documentaries & jingles -  
Legal (non) commercial radio. Interested? We can send you the booklet  
by snailmail ( DM 3.00 (cash or in stamps) / one English pound/ three  
Dutch guilders/ 2 IRC's) or via Email (make your choice: Ascii,  
Word2000, Corel WP9).

Any questions? Don't hesitate and drop us a line. Remember Sunday  
October 29th 2000, a very special day in the life of FRS-Holland. I  
say it one more time: we count on you!! 73's, Peter Verbruggen  
FRS-Holland, two decades of Independent SW Free Radio  
P.O.Box 2727, 6049 ZG Herten, the Netherlands Email: frsh@club.tip.nl  
peter.verbruggen@tip.nl Website: [frsh.club.tip.nl](http://frsh.club.tip.nl)  
(via Alan Pennington, BDXC-UK via DXLD, WORLD OF RADIO 1053)

\*\* NIGER. La Voix du Sahel heard Sep 30, at 2200 at 9705.6 with pop  
mx, phone calls from listeners, stn IDs, all in Fr. 34333. Unusual  
this freq for the night bc. 5020 was silent at the same time (Erich  
Bergmann, Germany, Oct 1, BC-DX via DXLD)

\*\* NORWAY. DX Information from the British DX Club (BDXC-UK). Don't  
forget the special transmission on 153 kHz tonight between 1900 and  
2300 UTC! More details on <http://www.dxl.com/longwave/ingoy.html>  
Good luck! (Bernt Erfjord, Norway, BDXC-UK Oct 6 via DXLD)

\*\* PAKISTAN. When WRMI gets its 15725 going it will have some QRM at  
least 1559-1613:30\* as noted Oct 4 with weak R. Pakistan English news  
actually around 15725.5 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PER/. 10000-USB, R Fuego "104.7: Re GIB/Jorge Aloy tip on this  
one: In my opinion, this was a product of a Peruvian "QRMer



aficionado", one of the group of stupids here, wasting energy and time, that incidentally used its transceiver to put audio from this station and inject it into this fq that has been converted into a mess. I think the U.S. (FCC) should elevate a protest to ITU and all South American telecom administrations for the "laissez-faire" situation this fq is subject of. There is apparently no control of transceivers allowed to operate in the 10 MHz ham radio band. This is a problem that is happening here for years. The WWV/H valuable service and aid to professional people and amateurs (as we DXers are) has been outraged for years and nothing has been done to correct it (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, Oct 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Re: DXLD 0-118

\*\* PER/. About the 10000u khz Radio Fuego: About this seemingly station reported in the past week, and about the comments of my friend Horacio Nigro, I say the following:

I heard this signal 100% on 10000U khz, not was a mistake, and the signal was coming from Peru, this confirmed 100%, and I also think that may be, probably broadcasted through some personal feeder, but, I can not confirm this totally, simply because I am not a person with eyesight. The certain, is that I heard this station Radio Fuego 104.7 from Peru.

Also I heard some argentine stations on 15820 & 8098 U/L khz, that certainly also not are stations with its transmitters, they are relayed by some misteriously feeders.

Horacio have correct appreciations about 10000 khz: this also is a freq. where lot of stupid persons are talking daily with stupid messages & comments all hours wasting energy and time, but the more serious, is that this is a official ute freq for use worldwide for utility stations.

Here in Argentina, for not go more so far, we have the LOL stn. May be this was a unknown feeder or know that or who was on 10000U khz, but there was the signal coming. Certainly, a bad election for broadcast there (Gabriel Iv·n Barrera, Argentina, Oct 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* RUSSIA. Some DXers already reported about the new SW station in Russia. It's a SW relay of the commercial station Respublikanskoye Radio Mix-Master which means Republican Radio Mix-Master. Word Master in Russian is different from English pronunciation. Location is Yakutsk, the capital of Sakha-Yakutiya Republic. I noted the station for the first time on April 4, 2000 on 4940 with interference from AIR and VOR. Respublikanskoye Radio Mix-Master broadcasts daily from 2100 to 1700 UTC on 4940 and 102.5 MHz. Reception in Tomsk during summer was poor. Station's address is: Respublikanskoye Radio Mix-

Master, Office 1, ulitsa Oktyabr'skaya 20/1, Yakutsk 677000 Russia.  
E-mail: mixmaster@hotmail.ru. I received a QSL letter from station's  
director A.G.Sukhanov in 36 days after sending the report (Vladimir  
Kovalenko, Tomsk, Russia via EDXP HQ, Melbourne, Oztralia, DXLD)

\*\* SERBIA. On this historical evening for the Republic of Yugoslavia  
where the TV-programmes have been cut off for some hours now due to  
the big uprising in Belgrade, Radiotelevizija Srbije can still be  
heard right now with ID at 1908 UTC in Serbian with news and popular  
Serbian songs. I am unable to tell if the opposition is controlling  
these broadcasts, but they are well heard here in Denmark on 684 kHz  
in parallel with 1008 which is heavily QRM-ed. The programming  
sounds very enthusiastic, so I gather the opposition has taken over.  
Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, 1919 UT Oct 5, Electronic DX Press  
via DXLD)

\*\* SERBIA. Last night between 2315 and 2345 I tried to catch RTS on  
mediumwave. 684 was the best signal but has telephone quality audio  
only; reportedly this channel is now operated from the Aleksinac  
transmitter which used to be on 1008. This 1008 channel was the  
second audible RTS frequency, contrary to 684 with a broadcast  
quality feed but weaker, although I guess it should have a bit more  
power than just 1 kW.

What I heard was first a phoned-in report with frequent mentions of  
Serbian radio and TV, a kind of short news and finally an extended  
talk with a studio guest until I gave up bothering with the poor  
signal. These items were framed by the lively music which was already  
reported by Anker Petersen. My impression, which seems to be backed  
by the news reports I heard so far: No spectacular take-over, instead  
programming of a just liberated broadcaster; it appears to me as  
similar to GDR radio in 1989 (Kai Ludwig, east Germany, Oct 6, DX  
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\*\* SERBIA. Obviously, we still can't hear any shortwave broadcasts  
from Radio Yugoslavia and their internet audio has been difficult to  
access and maintain once accessed; but there is printed news from  
their web site (which is also very slow in coming up, but patience is  
rewarded.) There has been--shall we say--a marked change in tone over  
the last two days... RY News from their web site:  
<http://www.radioyu.org/news.html>

One would be advised to monitor RY's previous SW frequencies as it  
would seem that access to the Bosnian SW complex will likely be  
restored quite soon...

The New York Times has reported that Radio B92 is back on the air in  
Belgrade... (John Figliozzi, NY, Oct 6, swprograms via DXLD)

\*\* SWEDEN. So far both 9495 and 15245 have been washouts for the Teracom tests at 0300-0400, due to magstorm propagation disturbances (Glenn Hauser, OK, Oct 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* THAILAND. The external service of Radio Thailand now announces itself as "THE VOICE OF THAILAND". Observed at good level with English 1900-2000 on 7195, and continuing on 9680 in German from 2000, from Udorn. Parallel with 1905 from the lower powered transmitter at Pathumani (Bob Padula, Melbourne, Ostralia, Oct 4, Electronic DX Press via DXLD)

\*\* U S A. Crawford's KLVZ-AM 1220 to switch to classical  
Inside Radio reports the following:

"Crawford Broadcasting is Christian contemporary KLV-AM, Denver changes format. Switching to classical. Effective Monday, October 9th. The station decided on the switch after the news of Latino Communications buying classical KVOB-AM, Denver from Clear Channel. When the sale is complete Latino Communications plans to change the format of KVOB-AM to Spanish-language. This frees up Crawford to switch ``KLV-AM`` to classical."

This is both good and bad news. Good in that classical radio will continue in Denver. Bad in that the effective power of the 1220 frequency is much lower than 1280.

Perceptive Denver radio listeners will recall that Zee Ferrufino sold 1220 AM to Crawford for around \$1.5 million within the last year. The format changed from Spanish to Christian. 1220 will now switch to Classical. 1280 switches from Classical to Spanish. Any questions? (``Ruby Hill``, Sept 28, <http://www.kvod.com> listener forum via DXLD) This updates COM 00-08, and refers also to WOR 1053; DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. VOA's new Enfoque Andino, Mondays only at 2200, confirmed Oct 2: 15170 Greenville had open carrier until 2158 standard VOA s/on; 21680 Delano must have crash-started at 2200, very strong, and leading Greenville with its fiber-optic feed ahead of satellite to Greenville; 17565 Greenville from 2157 tune-in was running Voice of Greece IS and ID right up until 2200 abrupt cut to Enfoque Andino. 17565 is used for VOG relay until 2155, and they did not change the feed soon enough. The 15-minute program started off with a few minutes of news, then reports from Colombia (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1053, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. VOA News Now live coverage of the Gore/Bush debate, to the Americas, will be tonight (UTC 4 October) at 0100 to 0300 on 5995,

6145, 7405, and 9455. (Kim Elliott, swprograms via DXLD) So I suppose the remaining two debates will be the same; next one is UT Thu Oct 12 at 0100 (gh, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. Still no sign of WRMI testing new frequency 15725 as of Oct 2, 3 and 4 random daytime checks, but ran across Pakistan (q.v.) (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1053, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

To All Interested Parties: As you might have seen on the news, a tropical storm has dumped about 48 continuous hours of torrential rains on the Miami area, causing the worst flooding here in many years. It is far worse than Hurricane Irene in October of last year or the flooding caused by Hurricane Andrew in 1992. Streets are flooded, thousands of cars stalled out and abandoned, most access routes to the airport blocked, and many businesses and homes have been flooded with water. Electrical power and cable TV have been out for thousands of residents. All schools and most businesses were closed on Wednesday (Oct 5), and many will be closed again on Thursday (Oct 6). Water supplies are contaminated. Authorities have advised residents of Miami-Dade County not to venture out of their houses unless they have business of vital importance.

Our main office has been inaccessible for the past two days. The storm and flooding have caused several interruptions to WRMI's regular broadcast schedule during the past two days. Our morning transmission to Latin America on 9955 kHz October 5 could not be broadcast as access to the transmitter site was impossible, and the evening transmission on the same day to North America on 7385 kHz could not be broadcast since the floodwaters were over the base of the North American antenna. The evening Latin American transmission on 9955 kHz was expanded to compensate somewhat for the problems. The floodwaters are beginning to go down slowly now, although some additional rain is expected over the next few days. It will likely be at least two or three days (and possibly longer) before things get back to a near normal situation, and during that time it is likely that we will have some additional schedule variations.

We had planned to begin testing our new daytime North American frequency of 15725 kHz between 1200-2200 UTC this week, but the flooding has set this back to at least sometime next week (the week of October 9). Thank you for your understanding, and we will attempt to have everything back to normal just as soon as mother nature and our engineering department allow (Jeff White, WRMI, 0600 UTC October 5, 2000, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15725 is a bad frequency choice for DXers as this will block Congo's Radio TÊLÊ-LibertÊ. LibertÊ has been using this channel after 1800 (Hans Johnson, Oct 2, Cumbre DX via DXLD) But has anybody heard it

lately? (gh)

\*\* U S A. Glenn: I'm hearing AFN on 4278.5 U on a fairly regular basis. Trouble is, this isn't an official freq. Here are the details: USA 4278.5 U AFRTS at 1100: This station IDs during this time slot as: "The beat heard around the world, AFN Jams" Very clearly Armed Forces Network, no question about it. During this time slot, it relays a live feed of The Tom Joyner Morning/Radio Show, a Black syndicated morning program in the US. Was able to check against a local FM station which also carries this program, to confirm that it was indeed a live feed. This freq. runs PSAs both military, and general, during the commercial slots. This station does not match outlets on 6350 or 6458.5. Good solid signal, the only problem is this station is under a powerful utility transmission. I checked, and its also audible in the evenings at 0000 as well. (Hodgson Aug 25)

I have documentation in the form of cassette recordings supporting my claim. I sent a reception report to the government, and this is the response:

Dear David, You are correct. The 4278.5 kHz is not an authorized frequency for AFRTS. I have no explanation for this occurrence. (Michael Foutch, Chief Broadcast Operations Specialist)

Don't know what to make of this, do you? Take care, (David Hodgson, TN, Oct 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This frequency has been going from the outset of AFN USB relays more than two years ago, and was believed to be from Florida like 12689.5 with which it is usually in parallel, but HQ has not confirmed it as such (gh, DXLD)

\*\* VATICAN. Three executives at Vatican Radio will be tried in Rome over its allegedly harmful electromagnetic pollution. The decision follows a magistrates' inquiry after the Vatican said that it was not answerable to Italian law. Assisted by lawyers, including Eugenio Pacelli, a nephew of Pope Pius XII, the Vatican said that there was no proof. The inquiry began after it was shown that in a three mile radius of the station's antennae at Santa Maria di Galeria, Rome, the percentage of tumours and leukemia among the 30,000 inhabitants was well below average. Two Jesuits, Father Pasquale Borgomeo, the radio's director general, and Father Roberto Tucci, its president, with Constantino Pacifici, technical director, will be charged with "dangerous throwing of things" in the absence of a law on electromagnetic radiation (Daily Telegraph Oct 5 via Mike Barraclough, DXLD)

\*\* ZIMBABWE. First private radio station begins broadcasting | Text

of press release by the Windhoek-based Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) on 3rd October

The 'Herald' newspaper has reported that Capitol Radio, Zimbabwe's first private radio station, has begun broadcasting, a week after the Supreme Court struck down the law giving the government a monopoly over the airwaves.

According to the 'Herald' source, the station began broadcasting on 29th September. This was confirmed by Mike Auret, one of the owners of the station. Auret told MISA [Media Institute of Southern Africa]-Zimbabwe that while the station had been broadcasting musical programmes and the station's identity since Friday 29th September, it began broadcasting live programmes on Sunday 1st October.

The 'Herald' reported that the minister of state for information and publicity, Jonathan Moyo, had expressed grave concern about what he referred to as "pirate radio stations" broadcasting within the country in contravention of the law. He said the relevant authorities were making full investigations to identify such broadcasters and their broadcasting locations with a view to taking appropriate remedial action.

Auret told MISA-Zimbabwe that the station was ready to go back to the Supreme Court if the government tried to stop its operations.

Meanwhile, government lawyers and consultants working on new broadcasting regulations have dismissed reports in the 'Financial Gazette' that claimed the new regulations would be tough.

The lawyers told the 'Herald' newspaper that although the Supreme Court had declared sections of the Broadcasting Act unconstitutional, it had not done away with the Post and Telecommunications authority's function of issuing licences for broadcasting and other transmission equipment. They also denied allegations that any broadcaster who slighted the name of the president would be liable to a fine of 2m Zimbabwean dollars.

(Background: Following the Supreme Court's landmark ruling on 22nd September, which nullified Sections 27 and 28 of the Broadcasting Act, the government responded by saying it would comply with the ruling and had already started drawing up regulatory mechanisms. The regulatory board would be set up to grant licences to deserving applications. The broadcasting licence, however, would not necessarily guarantee an applicant the right to run a broadcasting station as applicants would need to get a radio and television station operating licence from the Post and Telecommunications Regulatory Board (PTCB). The PTCB, however, will start granting

licences only from January 2001.)

Source: Media Institute of Southern Africa press release, Windhoek, in English, in English 3 Oct 00 (BBC Monitoring via DXLD) But.....:

\*\* ZIMBABWE. Zimbabwe's first independent radio station was closed by armed police yesterday. Capital Radio's studio in Harare was searched and stripped of all equipment by officers at 2am, despite a High Court judge's order cancelling their search warrant. Fearing arrest, Gerry Jackson, the presenter, and Michael Auret, the director, were forced to go into hiding. The home of Daniel Coltart, another director, was also raided and searched. Capital had been broadcasting since Sunday, after a Supreme Court declaration last month struck down the monopoly enjoyed by the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation. Prof Jonathan Moyo, the Information Minister, accused the station, which has been transmitting light music, of being "a threat to our national security". He said it was in breach of new regulations that came in to effect on Wednesday. They force all independent broadcasters to allow an hour every week for the government to "explain and advance its policies". The police operation began on Wednesday afternoon when 10 officers massed outside Capital's studio at the Monomatapa Hotel. Almost simultaneously, armed police visited the homes of Ms Jackson and Mr Auret in Harare and of Mr Coltart in Bulawayo. Another confrontation became likely yesterday when Capital obtained a High Court order upholding its right to broadcast and ordering the police to return the equipment they removed (Daily Telegraph Oct 6 via Mike Barraclough, DXLD)

HARMONICS: Subject: [harmonics] More Logs for 6/10/00

29805 ERT, Athens (3x9935) 1536  
29080 R Tirana, (4x7270) 1538  
14540 R Tirana, (2x7270) 1540  
24150 R Netherlands via UZB (2x12075) 1541  
23540 RFE, Breich, MRC (2x11770) 1549  
23400 R Bulgaria (2x11700) 1550  
19702 R Cairo (2x9851) 1554  
and once again just for shock value  
14940 Vo Russia (10x1494) 1516

Voice of Russia, St Petersburg tx 10th Harmonic on now!!! 14940khz in English at 1511 utc 6/10/00; also today 6/10/00:  
19720 BBC Nepalese service via tashkent(2x9860) 1455utc  
29721 ERT Athens (4x7430) 1502utc  
(Tim Bucknall, location unknown, harmonics@egroups.com : A NEW LIST JUST STARTED : Oct 6 via DXLD)

There is also an assortment of harmonic radiations in the region 30-

40 MHz, originating from Asian transmitters such as the 2nd harmonics of 15 MHz signals, and third harmonics from 11 MHz transmissions. Contrary to popular belief, many of these signals are not generated at the transmitters, but are actually produced within the ionosphere itself. The amateur/amateur satellite band (10 metres) 28000-29700 is also a useful region for study as is the 50-54 MHz (6 metre) amateur band! (Bob Padula, Melbourne, Australia, Electronic DX Press via DXLD) Please tell us more about ionospheric production of harmonics!  
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